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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 4531

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR LT SF ELAB

SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICAN POLICY TOWARDS LESOTHO

1. AMB MOLAPO, LESOTHO PERMREP, CALLED ON AMB BENNETT  
NOV 6 AT REQUEST HIS GOVT TO INFORM USG OF NEW PROBLEMS  
ARISING OUT OF SOUTH AFRICAN POLICIES ON MINE EMPLOYMENT  
AND GENERAL ATTITUDE TOWARDS BLS STATES.

2. PERMREP SAID THAT LESS THAN MONTH AFTER CARLTONVILLE  
MINE TROUBLES, OUTBREAK OF FIGHTING (FOR UNDETERMINED  
REASONS) BETWEEN BASOTHO AND XHOSA IN ANOTHER SA MINE COMPOUND  
HAS RESULTED IN DEATH OF SIX BASOTHO AND FOUR OTHER PEOPLE.  
IN AFTERMATH, SOUTH AFRICAN AUTHORITIES SENT HOME 450 OTHER  
BASOTHO WORKERS. GOL CONCERN IS THAT SOME PEOPLE, STILL  
STIRRED UP OVER CARLTONVILLE, COULD BE PERSUADED BY  
"DEMAGOGUES" TO SEEK BLAME PRESENT REGIME FOR DEATHS AND  
FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BY FAILURE DEFEND BASOTHO WORKERS IN  
SOUTH AFRICA. THEY MIGHT "MARCH ON MASERU" AND TRY TO  
UNSEAT LEABUA JONATHAN.

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3. MALAPO SAID ATTITUDE OF SAG TOWARDS LESOTHO IS DANGEROUS, FOR FOLLOWING CARLTONVILLE PRIMIN VORSTER PUBLICLY BLAMED PRIMIN JONATHAN FOR DETERIORATION IN RELATIONS. MOLAPO SAID GOL INTERPRETS THIS AS OPEN INVITATION TO CHANGE PRIMIN FOR ONE MORE SUITABLE TO SAG. HE POINTED OUT INFLUENCE OF SAG WITHIN LESOTHO "WORST EVER" AS THEY SEEK TO DOMINATE CIVIL SERVICE AND "BUY" AGENTS (DETAILS SEPTEL). HE SAID ALL THREE BLS COUNTRIES SUFFER FROM SAG MACHINATIONS SEEKING LIMIT THEIR ECONOMIC GROWTH SO AS NOT TO GET AHEAD OF SOUTH AFRICA'S BANTUSTANS.

4. GOL WISHED USG AND OTHER FRIENDS (INCLUDING UN) KNOW OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND OTHER PROBLEMS SAG POLICY CAUSING, IN HOPES THAT SOME WHO ARE PLANNING OR MERELY CONTEMPLATING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS MIGHT SPEED UP IMPLEMENTATION AND ABSORB SOME OF SURPLUS LESOTHO LABOR IN NEAR FUTURE. MOLAPO NOTED USAID ALREADY EMBARKING ON SIZEABLE PROGRAM, BUT HOPED WE COULD USE GOOD OFFICES WITH UNDP AND POTENTIAL DONOR COUNTRIES TO URGE THEIR COOPERATION.  
BENNETT

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